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MEMORANDUM FOR:
FROM:
SUBJECT:

THE PRESIDENT
HENRY A. KISSINGER
INFORMATION ITEMS

PANAMANIAN STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE: APPROXIMATELY 500 STUDENTS FROM THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE DEMONSTRATED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY FOR ABOUT AN HOUR MONDAY MORNING TO PROTEST THE SNYDER AMENDMENT, SUSPENDING FUNDS FOR THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, PASSED BY THE HOUSE LAST WEEK. A RADICAL ANTIGOVERNMENT AND ANTI-U.S. SEGMENT OF THE GROUP USED THE OCCASION TO CRITICIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE "PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARY" PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND TO CALL FOR OPEN NEGOTIATIONS. THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT PROVIDED ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND EFFECTIVE PROTECTION FOR THE EMBASSY THROUGHOUT THE DEMONSTRATION, WITH HIGH-LEVEL NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL ON THE SCENE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

ARGENTINE CRISIS WORSENS: MRS. PERON DEFIED ORGANIZED LABOR ON SATURDAY BY ANNOUNCING HER DECISION TO REDUCE RECENTLY APPROVED LABOR WAGE SETTLEMENTS, THUS BACKING WELFARE MINISTER LOPEZ REGA AND HIS SUPPORTER, THE ECONOMICS MINISTER. THE LABOR MINISTER RESIGNED SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTER IS ALSO RESIGNING. THE MILITARY IS APPARENTLY REFUSING TO INTERVENE AND, AT LAST REPORT, WORKERS WERE DESCENDING ON BUENOS AIRES TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT DECISION. MRS. PERON REPORTEDLY HAS INFORMED LABOR LEADERS OF HER DECISION TO NAME AN INTERVENTOR FOR THE GENERAL LABOR

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CONFEDERATION. SUCH ACTION IS LIKELY TO PRECIPITATE A GENERAL STRIKE. MEMBERS OF THE SENATE ARE REPORTED TO BE CONFERRING TO SELECT A PRESIDENT OF THAT BODY WHO WOULD BE FIRST IN LINE OF SUCCESSION IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESIDENCY WAS VACATED. HITHERTO THE POSITION HAD BEEN LEFT EMPTY AT MRS. PERON'S REQUEST, LEAVING THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOWER HOUSE, WHO IS THE SON-IN-LAW OF LOPEZ REGA, AS NEXT IN LINE IN SUCCESSION.

STATUS REPORT ON CSCE: THE SOVIETS ON MONDAY MADE A STRONG PUSH FOR AGREEMENT TO CONVENE STAGE III ON JULY 28, BUT MADE NO CONCESSIONS ON CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES (CBM) THAT MIGHT HAVE MADE SUCH A CONSENSUS POSSIBLE. THE SOVIETS STEADFASTLY STOOD BY THEIR PROPOSED GEOGRAPHIC LIMIT IN CBMS OF 250 KILOMETERS. MEANWHILE, FURTHER PROGRESS HAS BEEN REPORTED ON THE OTHER REMAINING OUTSTANDING AREAS OF CONTENTION, THUS MAKING AGREEMENT ON CBMS MORE THAN EVER THE KEY TO A JULY MEETING.

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